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## The Lone Big Sandy Member of Normal Site Commission Gives School to Morehead

### Wallen's Vote Lands Plum For Allie Young's Town

#### End of the Farical Dead lock Reached at Lexington Last Saturday.

At Lexington last Saturday the Normal School Commission on the fifth ballot selected Morehead as the site for the Eastern Normal School. The five appointees of Speaker Thompson, currently reported to have been kindly suggested by Judge Allie W. Young, of Morehead, stood solidly for the county seat of Itowan, as previously "doped out." W. S. Wallen, Big Sandy member of the commission, cast the deciding vote in favor of Morehead.

The final vote follows:  
Morehead—O'Neal, Goodpastor, Seaff, Combs, Wallen.  
Palmerville—Pier, Harret and their man.

Louis received votes on some of the ballots at the previous meeting, and Mr. Harman proposed various compromises at the last meeting in an effort to land a Big Sandy city Wallen never voted for Louisa, so far as we can learn.

Judge Young was in Lexington when the schedule went through. He said it was the first time he had been present at a meeting of the commission.

The property offered by Morehead contains no buildings at for use by a school of this kind, except as a temporary makeshift. Morehead has no waterworks, no improved streets, no sewers, nothing to recommend it as a school town. The questionnaire sent out last May indicated that all these and other qualifications were necessary to remain in the race. The indecision of that decision was demonstrated at the Lexington meeting, June 7th. Only two cities were able to meet the conditions set forth therein, and they were the first to be eliminated. But, of course, in the light of developments all this was "shipy" "deception and a snare" anyway.

**A Protest Meeting**  
The Ashland Chamber of Commerce called a meeting Monday to discuss the situation. There were citizens present from other counties. After discussion it was decided to start a movement to petition Gov. Morrow to call the Legislature into extra session to repeal or amend the act that created the Normal School Commission. Resolutions were adopted to this effect.

A strong telegram was received from President Harrison expressing in strong terms their approval of the protest movement. It was signed by Judge Hill, Clerks Hatcher and Stephens, and others.

Prof. W. B. Ward and County Superintendent Wood of Johnson county were present. Mr. Ward read a very strong paper condemning Wallen and O'Neal.

**Conflict With Education Board.**  
The Normal Site Commission also wants to name the faculty for the new schools, a function generally believed to rest with the State Board of Education. At the Lexington meeting R. P. Green was chosen an head of the Murray school. About the same hour the Education Board at Frankfort named John W. Carr for the same position. It now seems certain that this matter will be settled in the courts.

Gov. Morrow is considering the proposition of calling a special session of the Legislature.

**Allie Young's Statement.**  
After the Lexington meeting Judge Allie Young gave out friendly statements which in a labored effort to defend the commission, Morehead and himself.

One of his statements is as follows: "I have not been in Frankfort during a session of the Legislature for the last four years. Last winter I was in the south during the entire winter and the bill was passed long before I came back to Kentucky."

Two members of a committee sent from Louisa to Frankfort while the Legislature was in session, and a short time before Thompson announced his famous quintette, state positively that Young was at the Lafayette Hotel in Lexington at that time being visited by emissaries very frequently. They say they were at that hotel themselves and know this to be a fact.

**A BIT OF HISTORY**  
Going back to the beginning of this State Normal School proposition we find the recommendation for two schools first made by an educational survey committee provided for by an act of the 1920 Legislature, passed upon the suggestion of State Superintendent George Colvin. It said one of these two schools probably should be located in the Big Sandy valley. Following this lead, the Big Sandy members of the General Assembly prepared bills carrying out the suggestion, but soon found members from other districts who demanded that the bill allow more acce-

for the selection of a site, making necessary the substitution of "Eastern Kentucky" for Big Sandy valley. After a hard fight the bill was passed, carrying an amendment taking the selection of a site out of the hands of the State Board of Education and providing for a special commission of eight men, five appointed by the Speaker of the House and three by the Lieutenant Governor. Rumors started immediately to the effect that the commission would be packed for Morehead and Murray, based upon facts that indicated the "fine Italian hand" of Allie Young in the mess. A delegation from various counties had a conference with Speaker James H. Thompson, in which Hon. John E. Buckinham was chief spokesman. He told Mr. Thompson about the Morehead rumor and Mr. Thompson denied that there was any truth in the charge. Also, he said he would appoint no man from either eastern or western Kentucky and that his appointees would be central Kentucky men having no interests and no connections whatever that could be linked up with the sections in which the new schools were to be located.

In a short time he announced the following appointments:  
Judge E. C. O'Neal, chosen as associate counsel by Judge Allie Young for two large coal corporations, at a salary said to be \$10,000 per year, work or play. Native of Morgan county, but now of Frankfort.

W. S. Wallen, said to be a local attorney, formerly Clerk of the court, appointed soon after his nomination for the Legislature, at salary reported at \$1500 or \$1800 per year.

Sherman Goodpastor, secretary of the State Racing Commission at \$10,000 or \$12,000 per year, said to have been appointed at the instance of Allie Young, a member of the commission. Native of Bath county, in Young's judicial district, now resides in Frankfort.

Earl Smith, politician of Mt. Sterling, in Judge Young's district, friend and supporter for many years.

Thos. A. Combs, of Lexington, once political friend of Judge Young.

It is generally charged these appointments were dictated by Allie Young, formerly Circuit Judge of Itowan, Bath and Montgomery counties, member of the State Board of Education, a native of Morehead, atorney for two coal companies at salary reported to be \$25,000 per year. James H. Thompson, of Boone county, was supported for Speaker of the House, it is said, by Allie Young, who was able to throw certain votes to him. It is alleged, which he needed to defeat Earl Smith, a high class man from Bowling Green.

The parties are entitled to all facts that have any bearing on this or any other matter involving the manipulation of educational interests of the State.

## ROAD OVERSEER IS KILLED IN PIKE

Pikeville, Ky., Nov. 25.—Ferrell Johnson is alleged to have shot and instantly killed James Charles at Zaluskin, this county, early this morning. Charles was overseer of the public highway and had gathered a number of men for road work. It is said that Johnson was on his way to dig coal, and on meeting Charles was accused by him of stealing his dynamite. A dispute arose, according to witnesses, in which Charles struck Johnson through the hand with a pick and Johnson immediately shot him three times.

Johnson, who was otherwise injured, was met by the sheriff while on his way to Pikeville to surrender. Charles leaves a large family. Johnson is a former service man, having been in the A. E. F.

## U. S. Allots \$40,000 For Work At Hickman

For work at Hickman, Ky., an allotment of \$40,000 has been made by the Mississippi River Commission for river improvements, the city agreeing to pay \$20,000 for the same purpose. It was made known today by Col. G. R. Lukesh, in charge of the United States Engineer's Office here, following his return from a river tour with the commission, of which he is a member.

This was the only allotment affecting Kentucky made by the commission, Col. Lukesh said. The party was accompanied on its tour, which lasted for several weeks, by Gen. Lansing Vench, Chief of Engineers of the United States Army.

## CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION AWARDED LAST MONDAY

The State Election Commission met in Frankfort Monday for the purpose of canvassing the November election returns and awarding certificates of nomination.

### Tells President of Klan's Activities



This picture of Gov. John P. Barker was taken as he left the White House after telling President Harding of the Ku Klux Klan's amazing growth in this state and intentions to control through political power.

## WEIGHT IS AUTO LICENSE FACTOR

### Sale of '23 Tags to Start December 2; Colors Are Blue and Gray.

Frankfort, Ky., Nov. 25.—County Clerks of Kentucky will begin the sale of 1923 automobile licenses December 2, according to an announcement made today by S. O. Gray, chief clerk in the Automobile Department here. All motor vehicles must be equipped with new license tags before the first of the year, he said, and the law calls for the sale to begin one month before the "dead line," according to Mr. Gray.

The license plates issued by the State of Kentucky this year will be blue and gray. The background will be light gray and the figures and letters will be in bright blue enamel.

Under the new governing motor vehicles passed at the 1922 session of the General Assembly, licenses of automobiles will be licensed according to horsepower and weight. Trucks will be licensed in 1923 under the same regulations as in 1922, according to Mr. Gray. The license plates and all printed matter for use in selling the 1923 licenses have been distributed by the Automobile Department, and the County Clerks are ready to take care of all applicants.

The State Tax Commission is preparing a chart for distribution to the counties of Kentucky which will standardize the tax to be assessed against all models of automobiles. In many instances 1922 model automobiles will be taxed differently from previous models of the same brand and year. These charts will be in the hands of the County Clerks by the end of the month, according to Mr. Marshall, secretary of the commission.

## Numbers Are Assigned

The license numbers and the counties in Eastern Kentucky to which they have been assigned follow:  
Bath, 6,201 to 7,550; Bell, 7,551 to 7,800; Boone, 7,801 to 8,100; Breathitt, 8,101 to 8,200; Carter, 8,201 to 8,500; Elliott, 8,501 to 8,700; Fayette, 8,701 to 8,900; Fleming, 8,901 to 9,100; Floyd, 9,101 to 9,300; Greenup, 9,301 to 9,500; Harlan, 9,501 to 9,700; Johnson, 9,701 to 9,900; Knott, 9,901 to 10,100; Lawrence, 10,101 to 10,300; Leslie, 10,301 to 10,500; Letcher, 10,501 to 10,700; Lincoln, 10,701 to 10,900; Logan, 10,901 to 11,100; Mager, 11,101 to 11,300; Martin, 11,301 to 11,500; Meade, 11,501 to 11,700; Mercer, 11,701 to 11,900; Morgan, 11,901 to 12,100; Mingo, 12,101 to 12,300; Newton, 12,301 to 12,500; Nicholas, 12,501 to 12,700; Owsen, 12,701 to 12,900; Perry, 12,901 to 13,100; Pike, 13,101 to 13,300; Rowan, 13,301 to 13,500; Wolfe, 13,501 to 13,700.

## Thanksgiving Service on Thursday Evening

The Thanksgiving service will be a union one and will be held Thursday evening at 8:30 at the M. E. Church South. Rev. J. B. Brame, pastor of the Baptist church, will preach the sermon, the other ministers of the town having part in the service.

The evening hour was selected for this service in order that a greater number might attend than if held in the morning, it being a more convenient time for housekeepers and many others. This is a service in which all the churches unite each year and they extend a cordial invitation to the stranger and every one to attend.

## STATE COAL OUTPUT.

Washington, Nov. 26.—Kentucky's production of bituminous coal during 1921 totaled 31,588,270 tons, out of a total national production of 415,951,890 tons, according to statistics made public yesterday by the United States Geological Survey. Indiana produced 20,319,509 tons. The leading State in Pennsylvania produced 110,913,912 tons.

## EXTRA SESSION OF LEGISLATURE NOW BEING CONSIDERED

### Governor May Comply With Deluge of Requests to Kill Normal Jobs.

Frankfort, Ky., Nov. 25.—"If I call a special session of the General Assembly, it will be for the purpose of repealing the Normal School Act," Gov. Edwin P. Morrow said late this afternoon after a two-hour conference in the Governor's office with Charles L. Dawson, Attorney General, George Colvin, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and John J. Craig, State Auditor.

"The extra session will not be for selecting some other locations for the Normal sites," said Governor Morrow. "It will be to repeal the act, and I shall have definite pledges in advance that the members will adjourn in ten days."

**Telegrams Pour In.**  
Governor Morrow stated that he has received number of letters and telegrams from almost every section of the State, protesting against the action of the commission.

He exhibited a telegram from Pike county signed by a large number of citizens, asking for a special session. Governor Morrow was particularly impressed with this message, because Pikeville was not one of the applicants for the school site and the telegram is signed by citizens generally, Democrats and Republicans, ministers, physicians, merchants and representatives of women's organizations.

Superintendent Colvin did not hesitate to say that "whether a special session of the General Assembly nor legal action is beyond the bounds of possibility."

When asked in regard to the location of a school at Morehead, Superintendent Colvin said, "I can only say that there is no real need for a Normal School there. A need does exist for a school in the Sandy Valley. This was recognized by educators and the educational survey found it so."

"The school at Morehead would not relieve that situation in the slightest nor would it serve that territory about the head waters of the Kentucky. Even if it should function successfully within its sphere, it would only defer for many years the establishment of an institution in the Sandy Valley and thus by its very existence do more harm than good to the industry expended upon its maintenance."

## JUDGE SPARKS PASSES AWAY

### Death Relieves Sufferings of Lawrence County Citizen.

The spirit of Judge Meritt B. Sparks took its final Wednesday morning of this week, ending the physical suffering that had been his to endure for many weeks. Bright, cheerful and hearty until the onset of his illness and death. About four months ago the people of this community and county were shocked when announcement was suddenly made that the County Judge of Lawrence county was dangerously ill. Only the family knew previously that the diseases mentioned above had taken hold of him. Since about August first he had been confined to his room. He realized that his case was hopeless and about a month ago sent to the Governor his resignation as County Judge. Only last November he was elected to that office by perhaps the largest majority ever given a candidate for judge in this county.

The funeral was held at the residence and the body was taken to the old family burial grounds at Martha, Ky. The funeral was held at 10 o'clock. Rev. H. B. Hewitt, assisted by Rev. Brame, conducted the funeral services. Notwithstanding the short notice given as to the time of the funeral there were many people present.

One daughter, Mrs. Bert L. Sparks, of Fleming county, and one son, Dr. Proctor Sparks are the only surviving children. Both were with the father in his last days. The widow survives, and also Judge Sparks' father, Nelson Sparks of Martha, brother, Dr. J. A. Sparks of Ashland, and a sister Mrs. P. P. Holbrook of Martha.

No better man has lived in Lawrence county than Mr. B. Sparks. Quiet, unassuming, gentle and kind, he was a model citizen, husband and father. His life record was clean and honorable to an unusual degree. He had been a consistent Christian for many years. No word of reproach could ever truthfully be spoken against him. In him was reflected the sterling qualities of his exemplary father, than whom there is no higher type of citizen. To lose such a man, especially in the prime of life, and just starting to serve his fellows in high official position, is truly lamentable. He will be mourned by hosts of people outside of his family.

Among those who accompanied the body to Blaine were the widow, Dr. Proctor Sparks and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sparks and little son, Dr. J. A. Sparks and Dr. H. B. Sparks.

Sam Cook, Frankfort, clerk in the Louisa postoffice, was called to Clifford Tuesday by the serious illness of his father, S. Z. Frazier.

## Henry Ford May Purchase the Great Elk Horn Coal Property in Sandy Valley



### OIL PRODUCTION IN U. S. BOOMS

### World Production of Nearly Ten Billion Barrels in Past Year is Announced.

Washington, Nov. 24.—World production of petroleum in the 55 years 1857 to 1921, inclusive, aggregated 9,511,997,000 barrels of 42 gallons each, the geological survey announces. The United States, largest producer of petroleum in the world, produced 5,922,651,000 barrels or 62.1 percent of the total. Russia second largest producer supplied 1,923,171,000 barrels, or 20.3 percent and Mexico was third with 775,000,000 barrels.

Production in the United States was larger last year than in 1920, the total having been 72,183,000 barrels or 61.7 percent of the world production for 1921 which was 76,505,000 barrels. Mexico's production last year was 163,397,557 barrels, or 25.3 percent.

Petroleum production in the United States increased nearly two million barrels during October over production in September being larger than any month this or last year, while estimated consumption was almost 3,000,000 barrels more. The statistics for October follow:

Domestic production 17,251,000 barrels, compared with 15,291,000 in September.

Imports of mineral crude oil 1,513,355 barrels compared with 1,509,700.

Exports of mineral crude oil 1,165,000 barrels compared with 1,117,000 barrels.

Stocks on last of the month 251,438,000 barrels compared with 273,278,000.

## W. H. MOORE DIES AT RUSH, KY.

Wm. H. Moore, age 58, died Tuesday evening of this week at his home at Rush, Carter county, Ky. He has been incapacitated for several months as the result of a paralytic stroke and his death probably was caused by this trouble.

He leaves a wife and five children. Two boys by the first marriage survive. They are Marvin P. of Ashland, and Stanley of Louisa. The last children are two boys and a girl. One brother, Eli, lives near Blaine, the county, W. H. Berry, the Louisa grocer, is a nephew.

Mr. Moore was a native of Lawrence county and had been a merchant throughout his business career. He moved to Carter county several years ago, where he established a successful business.

Mr. Moore was a man of integrity and possessed many good qualities. Lawrence county friends and relatives will be grieved to learn of his death.

## Mrs. Jennie Rose Dies In Sedalia, Missouri

A letter from Harry Summons, of Sedalia, Mo., states that Mrs. Jim Rose died at her home there last Saturday. Mr. Rose and family lived in Louisa several years ago, but have resided at Sedalia for some time.

She was about fifty-five years of age and is survived by her husband, three sons and one daughter. She has a number of relatives and friends living in this community.

## LAWRENCE AND LEWIS SETTLE WITH TREASURER

Sheriffs of Lewis and Lawrence counties settled with Auditor John J. Craig and received a check for tax on S. P. Lykins of Lewis county, paid \$19,119 into the State treasury, and J. W. Young, of Lawrence county, paid in \$22,850.

## World's Richest Man Is Attracted by Sandy Coal

### Final Inspection to be Made at Once by the Famous Automobile Man- ufacturer.

Henry Ford has no option on about 150,000 acres of coal lands in the Big Sandy valley, being nearly all of the holdings of the Elk Horn Coal Corporation.

This includes a number of operations on Beaver creek, mostly in Floyd county. The finest of coking coal underlies a great percentage of the lands.

The price is reported to be about twenty millions, which is not a great sum for Mr. Ford. According to a report recently given out he had \$200,000,000 on deposit in the banks, so he would have a lot of change left after writing a check for twenty millions.

He and a party of engineers and heads of departments are due to make a tour of inspection of the property this week. They will go up Big Sandy in a private car. Messrs. J. W. M. Stewart and John E. Buckinham of Ashland will accompany the party. They have been prominent in the negotiations and have had conferences with Mr. Ford and his department heads both in Ashland and Detroit.

It is believed Mr. Ford will buy this great property because it fits so well into his enterprises. His railroad, the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton, extends from his enormous plant to Ironton. There are already in the Ohio river for a bridge that would bring his trains across to Ashland.

It is surmised that his plans include an extension into these coal fields if he buys the lands.

Ashland hopes for great things to happen there if the deal goes through and there are reasonable grounds for the hope.

The Elk Horn Corporation is one of the Jno. C. Mayo organizations, in which his estate and Senator C. W. Watson of West Virginia are large stockholders.

The publication of the negotiations is said to have been premature, and the denial which is printed herewith was given out from Detroit. However, matters are said to be progressing.

Mr. Ford's vast coal amounts of coking coal and bituminous coal and he will get all he will ever want if he buys this property. It is with in easy reach for him. If this deal goes through it will be by far the largest ever consummated in Kentucky and the result of it is bound to be stupendous. No one can foresee its possibilities.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 23.—The Elk Horn Coal Corporation, reported to have been taken over by Henry Ford, was incorporated in 1918 under the laws of West Virginia and represents a combination of several powerful interests, with an authorized capitalization of \$25,000,000. Under its control by outright ownership, fee, surface or mineral rights were a total of 205,000 acres of coal properties.

These lands are in Pike, Floyd, Knott, Magoffin, Johnson and Letcher counties in Kentucky and in Upshur and Randolph counties in West Virginia. The company also had controlling interests in several minor fuel-producing concerns.

The last available report of operation of the corporation were to the effect that 22 mines were being operated which were developed to produce 3,000,000 tons of coal annually. The properties of the Elk Horn Coal Corporation include 1,535 miners dwelling houses at the various mining towns, as well as hotels, office buildings, stores and other buildings and mining equipment necessary for the production of coal.

The principal mining towns on the vast property, several of which would come under Mr. Ford's control, are Fleming, Haymond, Hemphill, Wayland, Garrett and Wheelwright in Kentucky, and Interstate and Ocean in West Virginia.

The property is served by the Louisville and Nashville, Chesapeake and Ohio, Baltimore and Ohio, and Long Fork Railroads. The mining operations are ultra-modern, being conducted with electrical mine locomotives. A large amount of power is developed on the property for general use in the mining operations, approximately thirty miles of 40,000 volt transmission line is on the property, furnishing sufficient electric power for full development of the vast coal area.

Middletown, Ohio, Nov. 23.—Following information that Henry Ford has completed negotiations for purchase of \$20,000,000 worth of coal fields in Kentucky and reports from Ironton, Ohio, that Ford has obtained an option on the A. C. & I. railroad with the intention of joining it with his D. T. & I. system, officials of the American Rolling Mill Company, who own a controlling interest in the A. C. & I. road, had no comment to make concerning the report.

## Mother of Prof. Davis Dies at Culbertson

Mrs. F. L. Davis, aged 72, died at her home at Culbertson, Boyd county, on Tuesday of last week. She had been ill about eight months. The sons, C. L. Davis of Buchanan, Mike Davis of Culbertson and Prof. A. C. Davis of Williamson survive. Prof. Davis is superintendent of the Williamson public schools. He attended school some years ago.

Rev. Campbell had charge of the funeral services which were held on Thursday at the home.

## CHANGE OF CARRIERS.

Rev. L. D. Bryan of Fort Gay has resigned as carrier of the Louisa-Fort Gay mail and has gone to Huntington where he has accepted a position in the Watts' litter store. Alex McKee of Fort Gay has the contract for carrying the mail.

cul purchase.  
George M. Vorley, President of the American Rolling Mill Company, stated that he had no authentic confirmation of Mr. Ford's plan for consolidating the two roads. He stated, however, that no written agreement existed between Ford and the A. C. & I. railway, which is near the coal fields said to have been acquired by Ford.

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 23.—"No definite arrangements have been made for the purchase of any coal mines in Kentucky," it was announced here today by William B. Mayo, chief engineer of the Ford Motor Company. Mr. Mayo issued a statement when told of a New York dispatch which stated that negotiations had been entered into between the Ford company and the Elk Horn Coal Company for the purchase of 150,000 acres of coal land in Kentucky.

"We have been looking over properties," Mr. Mayo said, "but when we came to deal with the Board of Directors of the corporation that owns the mines it was found that the board did not have the backing of 50 percent of stockholders necessary to give us an option. Hence the deal was not made."

Mr. Mayo added that no papers had been or could be signed, as no deal had been closed, nor was there any agreement made. Mr. Mayo returned from New York today.

"Since Mr. Ford found it necessary to close down his plant earlier in the fall, the deal has been under way," Mr. Mayo said, "but it is no nearer completion." Mr. Mayo and others of Mr. Ford's staff plan to go to Kentucky next week.

By consummation of the deal, company officials said, the Ford Motor Company hoped to furnish Michigan and the Northwest with a steady supply of coal.

## Mrs. H. E. Ferguson Dies After Brief Illness

After an illness of less than a week Mrs. Alice Ferguson, wife of H. E. Ferguson, passed away on last Sunday morning at three o'clock. She had been stricken with paralysis at noon on the Monday previous, the stroke coming while she was at the dinner table. She was conscious only a part of the time afterwards.

Mrs. Ferguson was 72 years of age the 27th of last January. For forty-nine years she and her husband had lived in Louisa in the home in which she died. Her health had not been good for a number of years, but as late as the Saturday before her illness she was able to be on the street. She is survived by her husband.

Also Mrs. T. B. Billups, whom they raised, and who was her daughter had been in their home since the death of her parents when she was three years old.

On Monday morning the body of Mrs. Ferguson was removed to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Billups where funeral services were held at two o'clock that afternoon. Rev. John Cheap had charge of the service, assisted by Rev. T. P. Jernigan and Rev. J. D. Brame who read the scripture lesson and offered prayer.

A union choir furnished the music, using familiar old hymns, favorites of the deceased. The floral tribute from friends was beautiful.

The body was taken to Pine Hill cemetery and laid to rest near the graves of loved ones.

She was the daughter of Nathaniel Davis and Lucinda Buchanan Davis and was the youngest of eight children, six girls and two boys, namely: Mrs. Elizabeth Davis Davenport, Hester Ann Davis, Mrs. Sarah Chambers, Mrs. Mary Davis Wellman, Mrs. Ellen Wilson, James Davis and William Davis. She was the last of the family to pass away.

Alice Matilda Davis was born Jan. 27, 1850, was married to Henry Edwin Ferguson Feb. 11, 1873. Would have been married fifty years the 11th of next February. She had been a member of the church for many years and in her last conscious hours repeated: "I am not afraid. The Lord will take care of his own."







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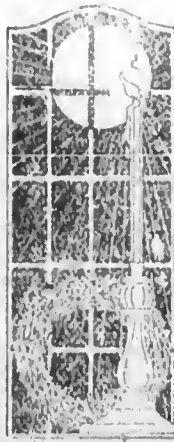
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Ear Rings  
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Pearl Knives  
Silver Belt Buckles  
Gold Belt Buckles  
Watch Bracelets  
Shirt-waist Pins  
Emblem Pins  
Watch Charms  
Watch Chains  
Gold Combs  
Cigarette Cases  
Vanity Silver Cases  
Powder Compacts  
Silver Thimbles  
Cuff Buttons  
Collar Buttons  
Gold Pencils  
Silver Pencils  
Baby Lockets  
Cigarette Holders  
Cigar Holders  
Mens Umbrellas  
Ladies Umbrellas



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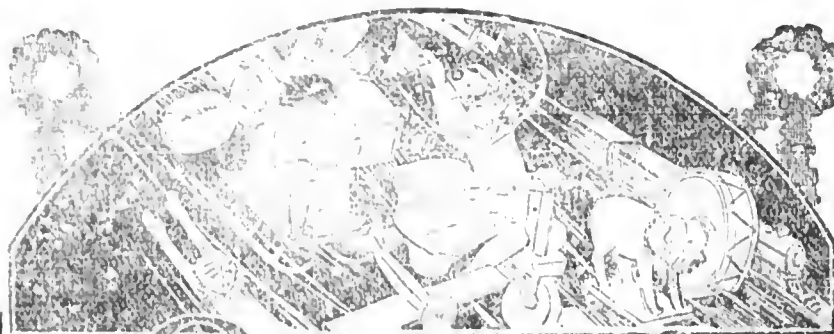
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From now until Christmas this store will be open every evening. Shop now and avoid the rush.

**Opening of TOYLAND**

There will be shouts and cries of joy sounding thru the town, when the children get a peek at our new toyland. There are heaps and heaps of toys. Everybody in Toyland is here. Here are just a few:

Teddy Bears  
Dolls  
Electric Trains  
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**Willie Wallen**  
Does Willie Wallen think he has fooled the people of the Big Sandy region by voting for Paintsville several times? Is that the estimate he places upon their intelligence? Does he regard himself as being so much smarter than other Big Sandians that he can pull a flimsy trick like that and get away with it?

No! He has fooled only himself. He has insulted the intelligence of his people and they resent it bitterly. He has destroyed himself completely. It was his vote that robbed Big Sandy and the adjacent mountain country of the State school that was planned for this section, and everybody knows it. Just before the meeting of the commission last Saturday the writer of this article urged him to continue the deadlock permanently and thus do a great service by preventing the school from going to Paintsville.

If there is one thing that the Anglo-Saxon blood of the Eastern Kentucky mountain bates above all others it is disloyalty. Read the messages of disapproval and condemnation that have come from officials and leading citizens of Floyd county in regard to Wallen's action if you want an idea of the sentiment in his home community. Today there is only one spot in Kentucky where he could hope to find a welcome and that is in Rowan county—a noisy welcome because he turned over to them the Big Sandy school, but would not "welcome" carry with it the respect and confidence necessary to a sincere and abiding welcome.

Wallen's deplorable and detestable act of disloyalty was not a hasty error. It was deliberate. Months have elapsed since the public press published charges, intimations or predictions that the thing would happen just as it has happened. He finally may have found himself in a position where it was necessary to repudiate either the people of Big Sandy or the individual or individuals to whom he was personally obligated. If so, he chose to use his great public trust to pay his personal obligations.

The meanest feature of the State Normal scandal was that of the majority dragging it along for months before announcing Morehead as its selection, causing all the applicant "big name" expenditure of time, money and effort without any chance to win. We might have hoped that some spark of conscience remained in them if they had announced Morehead at the first meeting, or better still, without a meeting to which citizens were invited to send delegations. But what can we say of men who sit like judges in the place of honor at public meetings, clothed with a sacred trust committed to them by a State Legislature, and stolidly watch the people struggle earnestly for a thing that by previous arrangement was to be denied them, regardless of merit?

That twelve cities out of fourteen had lost the fight before it started is now the general belief. If it were the public was warned of the result from the time the commission was named, but the people could not bribe themselves to believe the five men would stand against the storm of criticism and the indignation that broke loose when the scheme was exposed. Therefore, they went on with the struggle, hoping for a fair deal.

The Prestonsburg Post, Wallen's home-town newspaper, printed the following editorial last week, just before the deed was done at Lexington. It is more interesting now than it was last week:

"Our townsman Attorney W. S. Wallen has been complimented much by the press for his loyal stand for the Big Sandy in locating the new State Normal. Many think Mr. Wallen will remain firm until the end. However there are those who keep insisting that Mr. Wallen will yield at the proper time to the Morehead influence. We know of no reason why he will betray the interests of Big Sandy. All know that this is the logical place for the school and it is hoped that no extraneous influence may change the original purpose and cause him to betray the interests of his own people and territory. We are planning our faith in his integrity."

We do not have to apologize or take back anything of this kind. The Big Sandy News did not waste any space on him. The indications all along were so strong that he would vote for Morehead when necessary that we could not conscientiously say we believed he would be loyal to Big Sandy, and we did not say it.

The chiefs of the two largest coal corporations in the Big Sandy Valley were appealed to last June by the Northeast Kentucky State Normal School Association to prevent their attorneys from using their influence to take the normal school away from the Big Sandy section. They ignored the request. In making this appeal the association assumed that these coal people would show some interest in the welfare of people living where their operations are located, either a human interest, or the selfish interest that is best served by helping to improve education facilities and the general welfare of the people.

They have chosen the other course. Three of their attorneys are wholly responsible for taking this school away from Big Sandy. They were forewarned and cannot dodge the issue. A reaction is sure to follow against any company with which these men are associated.

That excuse Judge O'Rear is said

to have given for voting for Morehead and Murray is just too cute for anything. He did it because the newspapers prodded him so. He means for us to infer that he didn't use his noodle at all in settling the question. Like a mule, the reflex action of the muscles of his left hind leg, following a prod, determined his course of action, and the result was two ill-situated schools.

Quintette ran true to form, under the lash. The winner got away to a long lead. In fact, the others were left at the post. Knockout drops are alleged to have been used.

The winner was a plow horse, but the owner cinched the race by putting blinkers on the judges.

Race track vernacular, yes, but how well it fits in some cases.

Thirty pieces of silver looked like a fortune to little Judas Iscariot before he got it by treachery. Afterward it looked like thirty cents. This is always the case when the unwakened comes and the penalty falls.

No man has a right to pay a private debt with a public trust. No man will so misuse a trust is worthy of confidence.

**The System Wins Again**

The Louisville Times says editorially: An extra session of the Legislature in order to repeal the Normal School Act and prevent the establishment of the schools at Murray and Morehead is a plan which the Superintendent of Public Instruction is turning over in his mind. This would cost the State heavily, but it would be worth a lot to wipe out the record of the Murray-Morehead deal. The circumstances surrounding the selection of these two cities make it unlikely that the institutions can ever be successful.

Politics has denied education many blows in Kentucky. The textbook scandal of several years ago was the best example of it until the Speaker's normal school commissioners chose Murray and Morehead. Taking the right of selection away from the State Board of Education was a curious beginning. It was strange that Frankfort gossip, before the commissioners were chosen, was eloquent enough to predict that Murray and Morehead would win. It was strange that the Speaker got five members and the Lieutenant Governor but three members. It was odd that the Speaker's appointees were all linked in some way with coal and racing; that the official tutor of coal comes from Murray; and the official lawyer of coal and distinguished patron of racing comes from Morehead. It was passing strange that the eminent commissioners, Messrs. Conley and O'Leary, never could see the same town in Western Kentucky on the same ballot and that both saw Murray at the right time. It was an amazing coincidence that the best site at Murray was owned by the State Tax Commission chairman.

And it was strange of all that Mr. Wallen, from the Big Sandy, should ever have gone over to Morehead when the best school survey ever made in Kentucky chose the Big Sandy as the ideal site for a new normal school. Nor has it escaped notice that the coal interests, so splendidly represented at large by Al. Young, are looked out for in a small way by Mr. Wallen.

Too many coincidences to give the new normal schools a good start. Anything that will upset the chances will be a benefit to education in Kentucky.

Int, upset or fixed, these things will continue to be done with the people's money and the people's rights unless men independent of the system and the machine are sent to Frankfort to govern this State and to make its laws.

**BOY DIES FROM INJURIES.**  
Ceel McComas Wellman, who was injured by jumping from an N. & W. train near Saltwater two weeks ago, died yesterday and the body was taken to Little Blaine for burial. He was 19 years old.



**Uncle John's Josh**  
MOST PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOTHING TO DO MAKE THE MISTAKE OF DOING IT!

**The Other Way 'Round**  
"Say, did Charles Spivens ever get back on his feet?"  
"Yes, yes indeed. His car was the first thing the creditors took."

**Liquid Amusement**  
These new drinks in bottles. Take all of Long Tim's cash. And when he eats an apple, You can hear the blamed thing splash.

**On Honeymoon Trail**  
"Oh, eh-h. John, I never told you—but my right eye is glass."  
"Oh, that's alright—alright. So is the diamond I gave you."

**Saturday Night tuff**  
Tramp—"I bathed in your spring." Kindaddy—"Saltpur Springs, I suppose."  
"No, sir, Spring of 1916."

**Dangerous if Catching**—"So your father is ill. I hope it is nothing contagious."  
"So do I. The doctor says he is suffering from overwork."

**No Objection to Large Families**—Uncle John took little Florrie to the doll department in one of the big shops and said: "Now, Florrie, which shall it be—a boy or girl?" "Twins," promptly replied Florrie.

## Armour at Capital Talking of Merge



J. Ogden Armour is shown here as he left the Department of Agriculture in Washington after conferring with Government officials regarding the big merge of meat packing houses. The Farm Bloc will oppose it.

**According to Schedule**  
The deal goes through absolutely according to schedule, Murray was Morehead wins. Wells wins. Young wins. Just as it was all shuffled in the cards that day at Frankfort when the selection of the Normal School sites was taken away from the Board of Education, where it belonged, and turned over to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

For that is what the creation of the Normal School Commission meant. It was carefully planned. Three of its members were to be named by the Lieutenant Governor, who were to be named by the Speaker of the House, and the Speaker of the House was never in doubt as to whom he was to appoint.

The scheme worked without a hitch. There were delays and apparent deadlocks, but there was never a real hitch. The stars in their courses were not swayed from the Thompson Commissioners were in theirs. They put through Murray, all five of them: O'Leary, Goodpaster, Conley, Sniff and Wallen. They put through Morehead—all five of them: O'Leary, Goodpaster, Conley, Sniff and Wallen. All honor to Peter, Barret and Harman, who refused to the last to lend any aid to the scheme.

Thus is consummated a deal in flagrant contempt of the plain interests of the schools and of the State, of the wishes of the Board of Education and of the recommendations of the School Survey. Thus the "business" of the lobby triumphs in the conduct of the business of the Commonwealth; victory consistently won by those who consistently resist every effort to take the business of the Commonwealth out of the hands of the business politicians and place it in the hands of business men.—Courier-Journal.

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**poem**  
by UNCLE JOHN

It seems to me, Thanks-givin' Day is good for people every way.—I wouldn't want to doubt it. . . . I'm certain that our blessed Lord forgives our sins an' keeps His word —we couldn't live without it! I've noticed that the thankful man, who does the very best he can to show the Lord he's grateful—is happier a thousand-fold, than one whose gratitude is cold, an' thrives by bein' hateful. I'd rather bless a crust of bread with benedictions sweetly said, than gloat o'er ingrate's splendor. . . . I'd thank the Lord that allers feeds an' suits the blessin' to our needs —an' keeps our conscience tender. . . .

If I must dine on rabbit roast, becase I can't dig up the cost of gobbler, stuffed with dressin'—I'll down my hare-hop with a smile—in firm belief that, after while, we'll reap a richer blessin'. . . . I ain't astamed to kiss the rod that chastens by the hand of God, yet spares my daily livin'. . . . and melle that is why I'm here, to celebrate another year—in praises and Thanks-givin'!

*Yours truly, Uncle John.*

## JUST A LITTLE FUN

Mrs. M. had arrived at the little station in Vermont on a cold, stormy evening and had hired an old man to drive her to her friend's farm up among the hills. The roads were in bad condition from the storm, and the ride was altogether a very uncomfortable one. "How much do I owe you?" she asked on arriving at her destination. "Well, ma'am," said the old man, "my regular price is a dollar, but seidin' as it's such a bad night and the going so terrible, I'll call it seventy-five cents."

"How is it you have such a good memory, Norah?" her mistress inquired.

"Well, m'm, I'll tell ye. Since me childhood never a lie have I told, and when ye don't have to be taxin' yer memory to be rememberin' what you told this one or that, or how ye explained that or that, there ye don't overwork it an' it lasts ye, good as new, till ye die!" Christian advised.

**Try This on Your Brain Cells**  
"Get down to business and the best time is in the morning," so says Ed Purdy.

**Greatest Change in Price.**  
"When water becomes ice," asked the teacher, "what is the great change that takes place?"  
"The greatest, ma'am," said the little boy, "is the change in price."

**Habit**  
Walter I say, sir, you need not dust off the plate with the napkin here.

Laucher: "But pardon! Just tore off habit, you know, I've been a free ball muppie."

**Hept!**—A Florida paper says the moonlight in that State is so bright that the owls are dying of insomnia.

## HOMEY PHILOSOPHY for 1922

**LAST** week the New York police arrested a man and rushed him off to Bellevue Hospital to have his sanity looked into because he broke a whiskey bottle on Broadway, stood before the mirror in a shop window, proceeded to undress himself and started to shave—poked as the day he was born. They hustled him into a taxicab and in five minutes the crowd had vanished into the moving city throng. In the great city of Calcutta, if a native made a sudden dash for a suit of clothes, put them on, and stood in front of a window to rub some hair tonic on his face, sooting a head, they'd hustle him into a "gharry," the Indian form of taxicab, and have his head looked into. Geography is a strange study. East is east and west is west, and as you see the thing is so—it is that is, so we insist it is, but is it?

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## Richard Lloyd Jones tells About Ants, Elephants and Us.

**ZOOLOGISTS**, who, in simpler language, are the bug-ologists, after microscopically observing the habits and conduct of ants for years, have as the interesting information that these busy little workers in the humbler world are by their own voluntary action the most moral of all living creatures.

The ant, they tell us, is so intelligent that we are justified in trying to describe its existence by a kind of allegorical comparison with human life.

Busy as are these minute little creatures, their females are scrupulously clean. Several times each day they better their appearance with combs and brushes. The mothers are the only ones that are allowed to eat all they want. All others, by their established law, must abstain from over eating and drinking.

Soldier ants protect both the young and those who care for the young. The mother ant is treated with all the deference of an empress.

The ants limit their sleep to just that which is their need of rest and they destroy the drone and all those who would attempt to over-indulge in leisure or luxury.

They have architects and engineers. They build houses and bridges to conform with definite plans. They have their agriculture and horticulture and have been observed to domesticate as many as 584 different kinds of creatures.

Wonderful is the story of the ant. Some of our scientists who are better zoologists than sociologists quote the old Hebrew saying of thousands of years ago, "Go to the ant, thou sluggard, consider her way," and suggest that there is much in the ant the man might well try to emulate.

Other scientists tell us to consider the elephant.

The Hindoo tells us that he gets good work from that giant creature only so long as he is good to it. Should he abuse or offend it, he would lose the elephant's willingness to work and he might lose his life by incurring the elephant's ire. To appease the elephant, the Hindoo always feeds it before he himself partakes of food.

That gentleness and generosity do much to gain good work, is the moral lesson the scientist hands to us as the result of these observations.

But who wants to be either an elephant or an ant? Who would want to emulate their ways, interesting and perhaps intellectual as they appear to be?

The elephant has none of the generosity for which the scientific observer pleads. The elephant says, "Feed me first or I am likely to get mad and kick the daylight's out of you." There is nothing in that sort of a spirit worth emulating.

The ant is good to its own but it wars on every other creature that it cannot subdue and use. There is nothing so very big and magnanimous about that.

What is more, outside of the grotesque trick elephants in the circus ring, no scientist has ever called upon us to see or hear an animal symphony, nor have they shown us an animal-made picture or gracefully formed statue. Has any one ever yet seen an elephant pause in rapture before a gorgeous sunset?

What eye at the microscope has ever seen an ant lay down its work upon its bill to hark to the song of the lark?

Whatever are man's imperfections he is not only the research student, the truth seeker, but what is finer, he is the great appreciator. To be able to appreciate the wonders of the world—that in itself is living the higher life.

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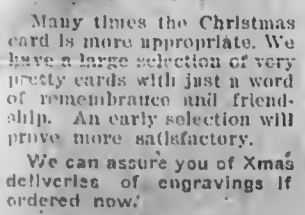


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## UP AND DOWN BIG SANDY VALLEY

## PAINTSVILLE

**Lester-Rice.**  
 Everett Rice of this city and Miss Hazel Lester of Denver were united in marriage Saturday, November 18, at the home of the bride. Rev. Irvin Rice, a brother of the groom officiated at the ceremony. Mr. Rice is a son of Mrs. Julia Rice who resides on a Mill Branch and for a number of years served in the U. S. Navy. He holds a position with the C. & O. railroad at the local yards and is a young man of splendid habits. Mrs. Rice is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. L. Lester and one of the county's most popular and attractive young ladies.

**Butler-Preston.**  
 On last Saturday evening, Nov. 18, in the home of Rev. Colfax Butler, Mr. Earl Preston and Miss Ruth Butler were united in marriage. Rev. R. W. Wallin, officiating.  
 The groom is a son of Warren Preston and is an excellent young man, and the bride is the beautiful daughter of Colfax Butler.

**Go to Market.**  
 Frank Conley has gone to Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Ind., and other markets to buy new stock for the large furniture store of which he is manager. He will be absent for two more weeks, looking over new furniture stores and getting new ideas for his store here.

**New Concrete Piers.**  
 The concrete piers for the new bridge across Big Sandy river at the mouth of Paint creek have been completed and the steel work is now being placed. It is the hope of the contractors to complete the steel work before the river raises. The bridge should be completed by the first of the year.

**Went to Lexington.**  
 County Judge Beecher Stapleton, Supt. of Schools Fred Meale, W. B. Ward and Dr. J. C. Sparks, composed the committee of Paintsville, to the Normal School Commission which met at Frankfort Saturday.

**Local and Personal.**  
 Miss Beas Spradlin of the Paintsville National Bank has leased the property of Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Atkinson for the winter. Her mother and sister, Miss Josephine, of Johns creek, have moved here to spend the winter.

Mrs. J. Roberts returned to her home at Weeksville after spending a few weeks at the home of her sister, Mrs. Jesse Stafford. Dr. Mrs. Roberts has been in poor health for the past few months, and is slowly improving.

Private Duell Trimble who has been an recruiting service in Paintsville for some time has gone to Pikeville to take charge of recruiting there.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Preston of Huntington are spending a few days here this week visiting Mr. Preston's father, J. D. Preston, and Mrs. Ethel Roberts.

Mr. Jack Preston and little daughter returned this week from a few days visit with Mrs. Preston's father, Sherman Nunberry.

Miss Lillian Robinson returned Saturday from Wayland where she spent two weeks in the bank while her father, Mr. Robinson, was on vacation. Davis was taking his vacation.

Mrs. Gertrude Williams of Beaver creek was here the guest of her sister, Mrs. M. C. Kirk before Mr. Kirk left for Florida. Herald.

## WEBBVILLE

Waiting for the old folks will be rather dull now unless there is something shipped in soon.

We had a slight fall of snow Sunday night.

Rabbit and bird hunters are plentiful around here.

John Flannery was a caller on Dry Fork Sunday.

Mrs. Bee Holbrook spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Lottie Hicks.

Nelson Hilman was here Sunday. We are glad to hear that the little son of J. C. Griffith is improving.

Mrs. Ruth Smith was visiting Mrs. Clara Shepherd recently.

Misses Ruby and Martha Pennington and Mrs. Clara Parson were shopping here Saturday.

Litt Pennington has purchased the home and farm of W. W. Keller and Mr. Keller will go to Grayson soon. We are very sorry to see Mr. Keller leave as he is one of our best and leading merchants.

John Griffith who has been in Ohio for some time spent last Tuesday night with his brother at this place.

Dock Stewart passed through here Sunday.

Mrs. Elizabeth Webb was the guest of Mrs. Abbie Green Friday afternoon.

John Hensley has returned home. Arbie Hicks and Arthur Young left Saturday for Huntington.

Jimmie Pennington who left for the south some time ago is back home. Kinser Waddell passed through here Sunday.

We enjoy reading the news of early life as it reminds us of old times.

Let us hear from the "Rambler" of London again.

I'LL COME AGAIN SOON.

WHAT FUN IT IS TO BE HUNGRY!

YOU can't be well and hearty unless you are properly nourished—you can't be strong unless your appetite is good.

For a keen appetite, good digestion, rich red blood, and the "punch" and "pep" that goes with perfect health. You need Gude's Pepto-Mangan.

Take Gude's for a short time and note the big difference in the way you look, eat and feel.

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## PRESTONSBURG

**Bridge Party.**  
 Bridge party and dance given by Mr. and Mrs. J. Reynolds Herring and Misses Lena and Margaret Porter Tuesday night at the Eureka Club house was largely attended by Prestonsburg people.

**Union Thanksgiving.**  
 Services Thursday at 10 a. m. at the Baptist church. The sermon will be delivered by Bro. Pennybacker of the Methodist church. The choir of the city are invited to participate.

**Bridge and Dance.**  
 Mr. and Mrs. Colonel May gave a bridge party and dance in their beautiful home Thursday night, November 23, in honor of Wade Cross and Ward McAllister who left Friday. Mr. Cross going to Heller and Mr. McAllister to Lexington. Post.

## MANUAL WILL GUIDE IN LICENSING MOTOR CARS

Frankfort.—In order that all county clerks of the State may have a uniform rate for registering motor vehicles on the weight and horse power basis provided for by an act of the last general assembly the Kentucky automobile "Yearbook" has prepared a manual which will furnish to the county clerks knowing the exact amount of license to be charged on each make of cars.

## FORMER PIKEVILLE WOMAN OIES AT ILLINOIS HOME

Mrs. Alice Robertson Brooks, aged 41, died last Friday in a hospital in Peoria, Illinois. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Robertson of Loveland, Ohio. They formerly lived in Pikeville. Funeral services were held on Monday from the home of her sister, Mrs. J. M. Hake in Huntington, W. Va. Several years ago she married Mr. Brooks of Olive Hill who died some years later.

## WHITE POST

It looks like winter is here now as it has been snowing for the first time this year.

Marion Muncy died Friday night and was buried Sunday in the graveyard at John's Store. He leaves a wife and several children to mourn his loss.

Stave hauling has closed for this year.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Lowe of Lordland are visiting their parents this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Oliver and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Miller of Pond creek motored over to Mr. and Mrs. Hays Lowe's Sunday in their Buick and were the dinner guests.

Miss Stopp and little son of Kenova are visiting parents at this place.

Master Lester Lowe started for his home at Pikeville Sunday morning. He has been here over a month. He will be home, also George Runyon went home with him.

Mrs. Byrd Lowe and Miss Thelma Reid were shopping in Williamson Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lowe and little son of Williamson are visiting Mrs. Esther Lowe.

Rev. Henry motored to Nolan Sunday to meet Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lowe.

Mrs. Floyd Stepp was calling on Mrs. Hays Lowe Friday.

Dr. Matthew of Sidney was called to Big Split this week.

Rev. Lowe purchased about seventy bushels of corn from Mrs. Etha Lowe of Pikeville last week. His father hauled it for him.

## SNOW BOUND.

**CHILLICOTHE, OHIO**  
 Business has been very dull here for some time, but is improving at present.

The boys who are taking training here have been off on a strike for the past week, but have gone back to work.

Mrs. Ona and Miss Rosa Lee Shaker and Miss Leona Bays and Lillian Thomas attended the foot ball game at Camp Sherman Sunday afternoon.

Hilberlin is raging in Camp Sherman and Chillicothe.

Roy and Walter Smith have returned from Cadiz, Ohio, where they spent the summer.

Mrs. Maudie Blair and son called on Mrs. Charles Bays Saturday.

We have had lots of cold weather here lately.

A number of our trainees are getting transferred to warmer climate to spend the winter.

There are several boys from Kentucky who have employment here.

Several boys and girls from our town and Camp Sherman attended the show at Circleville.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bays, son, James and sister, Miss Leona, motored to Lucasville and spent a few days with friends and relatives last week.

Hunting and ball playing is all the go in Camp Sherman now days.

A Kentuckly Wonder.

**VESSIE**  
 Died, on the 16th of November, Mr. Jas. French, of old age, he being 97 years old. He will be missed by many friends. He was laid to rest in the family burial ground.

Amos Holbrook of this place took a hunt on Deep Hole Branch and reported lots of game.

Dr. August French motored to Ashland on business last week.

Mrs. A. L. Hicks of Hicksville was calling on her sister, Mrs. Claudia Taylor of Yatesville last week.

The little boy of W. T. Woods who was cut by a mowing machine is improving nicely. They returned home from Louisa.

Amos Holbrook was calling on home folks at Hicksville last week.

Abe Hicks will leave soon for Ohio where he will busk corn.

Braek Holbrook of Hicksville is shipping corn for John Holbrook of this place.

A Holbrook attended I. O. O. F. at Oliveville Saturday night. X Y Z.

Do you read our Classified Column every week? It contains news for you of much importance.

## CATLETTSBURG

**Miss Hackworth Sings.**  
 The beautiful solo by Miss Heline Hackworth at the "Congress of Spinners" here was highly appreciated. She is one of the sweetest singers ever heard here and her voice was highly complimented. She was accompanied here by Miss Kilfer.

**Visit Dr. and Mrs. Berry.**  
 Mr. and Mrs. Tom Young are expected to arrive in Ashland where they will visit at the home of Mrs. Young's parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Berry of Winchester avenue. Their daughters came down from Charleston, W. Va., a few days ago.

**Mrs. Blair's Class.**  
 Mrs. Rebecca carried Blair entertained the members of her Sunday school class of the First M. E. Church South in Ashland at the home of Mrs. Oliver Blair during an evening of the past week. The first hour of the meeting was given over to an election of class officers and arrangement for the winter work to be undertaken by the class members.

Rev. A. P. Keyser who has had an operation of the throat was unable to fill his pulpit Sunday.

## U. S. OIL INDUSTRY BEGAN IN SMALL WAY

275,000 Wells Are Producing Today. As Against One In Year 1859

Chicago, Nov. 25.—The American oil industry today, including 275,000 wells producing 1,500,000 barrels of oil daily, started with one well producing twenty-five barrels a day, according to the American Petroleum Institute.

Col. Edwin L. Drake, a pioneer in the oil industry, lived in the town producing well in 1859, near Titusville, Penn. At the time the well was put in the pump the world was using fats and greases for illuminating and lubricating purposes, and the automobile was unknown.

Today upward of 11,000,000 automobiles and thousands of tractors, oil-burning ships, airplanes, submarines, motorboats and portable engines depend on oil and its products for power and lubrication. The institute estimates.

## Son Says Ceremony at Mother's Third Wedding

Book's Camp, Nov. 25.—Winifred Book, a farmer and United Baptist minister of Johnson county, married his own mother here last week.

His mother was formerly Mrs. Lura Meek and had been twice left a widow.

This time she got "hitched" to John Book, a farmer of Williamson, Ky., with Rev. Mr. Winifred Book, son of the bride performing the ceremony.

## WEBBVILLE

Miss Gladys and Charles Thompson have returned home from Charleston, W. Va., where they have been visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sparks of So Portsmouth, Ky., are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Sparks of Lick creek.

Jesse Oakley of Charity makes his regular trips to E. H. Hoots's.

Miss Emma Sparks was calling on Mrs. James Smith Tuesday afternoon.

Rev. Hutchinson failed to fill his appointment at this place Saturday and Sunday.

Charles Thompson still makes his regular trips to Trench to see his best girl.

Earl Robinson and Clarence Gatlin were visiting the Lick creek school Wednesday.

Hunters are numerous and Bob White and cotton tails are living hard here.

Misses Edith and Martha Banks were visiting school here Friday evening.

Arle Thompson is doing a thriving business with his grocery store on Lick creek.

**Severe Indigestion**  
 "I had very severe attacks of indigestion," writes Mr. M. H. Wade, a farmer, of R. F. D. 1, Weir, Miss. "I would suffer for months at a time. All I dared eat was a little bread and butter... consequently I suffered from weakness. I would try to eat, then the terrible suffering in my stomach! I took medicines, but did not get any better. The druggist recommended

**Thedford's Black-Draught**  
 and I decided to try it, for, as I said, I had tried other medicines for months without any improvement in my health. I soon found the Black-Draught was acting on my liver and easing the terrible pain.

"In two or three weeks, I found I could go back to eating. I only weighed 123. Now I weigh 147—eat anything I want to, and by taking Black-Draught I do not suffer."

"Have you tried Thedford's Black-Draught? If not, do so today. Over 8 million packages sold, a year. At dealers."

Roman Emperors Bullied Well. The sequel of Appian Claudius Cæcilius dates from 312 B. C.

## Comrades in Dead Valley

By CHARLES E. BAXTER

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Mike Maloney had traversed many wild places during his sixty years of life, but Dead Valley seemed likely to be the last of them.

For five days he had set his face steadily westward over the burning, barren alkali lands, toward the mythical mine, in spite of warnings that no man had ever crossed Dead Valley from end to end. And now Mike saw his own end approaching.

He had trusted to luck and to his own dogged will power. The will turned as unquenchably as ever, but the luck was out—dead out. It was twenty-four hours since he had tasted water.

Twenty-four hours under a Dead Valley sun! If he could go on twenty-four hours longer, he could reach safety. But the blood in his veins had turned to strip and cluders, and he had staggered to the thin shade of a cañon and fallen there.

"I guess this is all, Bill," he said. The great wolfhound stood beside him, panting, its tongue hanging from its mouth. In its appealing eyes old Mike, too, read the presentiment of death.

Mike stretched out his hand. "Two good friends these four or five years, Bill," he said. "It's kinder hard."

Suddenly a thought flashed through his mind that made him wince with shame and humiliation. But it returned unbidden.

As if sensing it, the great hound leaped back with a whine and laid its ears forward.

Old Mike had one bullet left in his revolver. He had planned that for himself, in case he failed to win out in his fight with Dead Valley. Now another use for it had occurred to him.

After all, if death for both was certain, was it not more merciful to end the human sufferings quickly—and to restore his own life by the sacrifice of the animal?

In lonely places thoughts become almost as things. As Old Mike drew the loaded revolver from his holster and called the animal, Bill snarled and began running in circles round and round him, just out of revolver range.

He might suddenly have gone mad, for he was snarling and snarling, and showing a marked inclination to dash in upon his master.

"He's gone mad," thought Mike. "That fixes that." He drew aim and fired.

A few hairs flew from the hound's tail. Mike Maloney had missed. And like an arrow, Bill darted at his throat.

Mike was just in time to spring to his feet and greet the animal with a vicious kick that hurled it, snarling and whimpering, a dozen feet away.

And then Mike knew that the same awful thought that had come to him had come to the dog too. And like him, he was snarling and snarling, and showing a marked inclination to dash in upon his master.

The dog seemed to have become a pack of six, ever circling round and round him, sometimes uttering a feeble yelp from the parched throat, out of which the tongue, swollen to a frightful size, protruded.

Mike lay down at last, his jack-knife in his hand, waiting. Slowly the hound came nearer. Its bloodshot eyes gleamed wickedly. It showed an almost human cunning in the way it approached, fawning, whimpering—

Mike thrust. He missed. The hound leaped back with a yelp. But it had been almost too cunning for him. Mike had been half unconscious without knowing it. Another instant and those fangs would have been in his throat.

The hound was lying in the distance, panting, looking at him. Mike stole cautiously toward it. He must make an end before unconsciousness supervened. Then he would be refreshed to take up his terrible journey. He walked with hand outstretched.

"Good old Bill!" he said thickly. The animal watched him; then, seeing the knife, it suddenly turned tail and disappeared into the distance. And Mike felt prone and unconscious upon the alkali.

Water! It was trickling into his throat, the sweetest drink that he had known in all his life. Mike opened his eyes. A tent was over him. And beside him stood Jim Lavery, his old partner.

"Lie still, ye durned old fool. Ye'll be all right now," said Jim. "You—where am I?"

"Right in the middle of Dead Valley. We got up a search party out in Laramie. Guessed we'd find you purty nigh finished. But we'd never have found you if that hound of yours hadn't found us."

A soft tongue caressed Mike's hand. Mike looked into the faithful eyes of the watcher at his side and understood.

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## Bear Killed By Stone Foreman In Holden Mine

Fred Stone, of Holden, W. Va., who has been in Nantuxmond county, Virginia, on a hunting trip, recently killed a 300-pound black bear, he has written his sister, Mrs. E. J. Parry, of Huntington.

Stone, who is a mine foreman, goes annually to Virginia to hunt. The bear was killed in the wildest section of the county, where roads grow to a height of 10 feet and more. Stone made his shoot after following the bear for hours through such a wilderness.—Huntington Herald.

## Hardwood Floor Plant to be Erected in Kenova

Purchase of a site in Kenova for erection of a hardwood floor manufacturing plant was announced Friday. The plant, to be erected by the Morgan Brothers Lumber Company of Wyoming county, will cost approximately \$50,000. The site, which was purchased from W. H. Wilson, of Kenova, is located near the plant of the Kenova Lumber Company on the bank of the Ohio river.

**MONUMENT AT WAYNE, W. VA.**  
 The base for the Wayne County Soldiers' and Sailors' monument arrived this week. The rest of the monument is expected within the next few weeks. A strike in the quarry at Vermont has prevented earlier delivery. The monument will carry the names of all Wayne county men who died in service during the World war and will be erected on the northeast corner of the court house square in Wayne, Wayne News.

**WAYNE BUILDINGS BURN.**  
 At Wayne, W. Va., fire destroyed the hall of the K. of P. lodge. A store room also owned by the Knights of Pythias was burned. The lodge expects to erect another building on their lot.

**HEWLETT, W. VA.**  
 Mrs. E. A. Hice and daughter were the Sunday guests of Mrs. Valentine Burke.

Tham Billups who has employment at Wil-ondale spent Sunday with home folks.

Geoffrey Hensley and Clarence Skeens moved church at Tahor's creek Saturday night.

W. M. Burke was a business caller in his town Friday.

Mrs. Grace Bellamy was calling on Mrs. Elba Dean Wednesday.

Miss Amanda Lester was calling on Mrs. Cecil Hensley Thursday.

Wattie Sturgill and Charlie Skeens who have had employment at Portsmouth, O., for the past six months were the weekend guests of friends and relatives at this place.

Cecil Mullins spent Sunday with Jack Hensley.

Mrs. Shirley Vanhouse was the Sunday guest of her mother, Mrs. Mary Hillips.

William Carroll spent Sunday with Cecil Hewlett.

Fred Skeens was the guest of Miss Hilly Burke Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Willie Lester was calling on Mrs. Edgar Lear Friday.

**HEARTBROKEN BILL.**  
 Resolutions, S. S. M. E. Church South, on Death of G. W. Castle

The people of Louisa and surrounding country received a severe shock on the evening of Nov. 24, when the news flashed over the wire that our friend and brother, G. W. Castle, had been badly hurt and not expected to live until the train bearing his body reached Louisa, and in fact before the arrival of the train it was noted about that he was dead, and we were made to exclaim, "Is it possible that such news can be true?"

And sure enough when the train arrived a number of men were seen bringing with them to his home the lifeless body of a member of our Sunday school and church. He had left that morning apparently in the best of health to attend to some of the duties of the county that had been entrusted to him, and whereas he was one of our leading citizens and his going causes untold sadness in our hearts and we delight to say that he was a kindly man, and there were two characteristics in his life that is not common to us all and they were those, if he offended he was ready to apologize, if he became offended he was always ready to forgive. In times when courage was needed he proved himself brave, when kindness was needed, he proved himself kind, and when generosity was needed, he proved himself generous.

Therefore, be it resolved, by this Sunday school, that in the death of our good friend and brother we have lost a valuable member, but submit to the will of God who doeth all things well.

Resolved, That we shall treasure the memory of our beloved friend and in this memory we shall have inspiration and strength.

Be it resolved, further, That in his death his wife has lost a devoted husband, the city of Louisa a good substantial citizen, the county an efficient officer who died in the discharge of his duty.

Resolved, That our deepest sympathy is hereby expressed to Mrs. Castle and those of the family and friends.

So it will in our life story. After the long night and the clouds and blinding darkness, after the rough climb up the steep dim trail toward the summit of our hopes, after the disappointments of earth and the waiting and hoping against hope the winds of heaven will tear the gloom away and when the mists have cleared we shall then more fully understand.

M. G. BERRY  
 A. O. CARTER  
 Committee.

They Don't Do It That Way  
 "Who's dead?"  
 "Rufus is dead."  
 "No—no. Don't tell me Rufus is dead."  
 "Sure, I tell you. You don't think we're having a rehearsal, do you?"

## W. Va. News Along The Border

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